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Annual General Meeting.

The Annual General Meeting of the Hongkong Steam Water Co., Ltd., was held to-day at noon, at the offices of the Company, No. 37, Connaught Road. Mr. Chai Siu Ki was in the chair, and there were present: Messrs. Chui Chung How, Kwan Fong Kuk, Tam Wing Po, Julia A. Carvalho, Capt. Clark and J. W. Kew (General Manager).

The Chairman said: Gentlemen, The report and accounts having been laid before you for some time, I will, with your permission, take them as read. I can hardly add anything to the report, and have no doubt that the figures must convince themselves to you, and I hope that our current year will be at least equally as good. The new boat which has been added to our fleet has been in service only three months, so that in consequence of this addition, I have every reason to expect that our next balance sheet will show even better results. You will also have observed from the report that we have continued the policy of writing down the Company's property, and good will in particular, which I think proves the soundness of our concern, as it is not often, nor can it be expected, that a Company can practically wipe out the item under this head in the third year of its existence. With these few remarks, I will now read the report of the Report and Accounts, but before doing so, I shall be pleased to answer any questions which shareholders may wish to ask.

There being no questions, the Chairman moved the adoption of the report and accounts. Mr. Chui Chung How seconded, and the proposal was carried unanimously. On the motion of Mr. Tam Wing Po, seconded by Mr. Kwan Fong Kuk, the appointment of Mr. Francisco de la Torre to the position of General Manager, and Mr. J. A. Carvalho to the position of Secretary, was carried.

The Chairman proposed the resolution of Mr. Hutton Powell in favour of the continuing year. On being seconded by Mr. Kew the proposal was carried. Capt. Clark proposed a vote of thanks to the General Manager for the satisfactory manner in which the business of the Company was carried out, and to the consulting committee. Mr. Carvalho seconded the proposal, which was carried with applause. Mr. Kew briefly responded.

MEETING OF JUSTICES OF THE PEACE.

At the Magistrate's to-day, under the presidency of Mr. J. H. Kemp, a meeting of Justices of the Peace was held to consider one application for a public license, and three applications for adjournment licenses. There were present, Capt. F. W. Rogers, Acting Superintendent of Police, Messrs. E. T. Veitch, A. Shelton Hooper, D. Clark, F. Browne, H. L. Craig and C. D. Melbourne.

An application was received from J. D. M. Cameron, 'Occidental Hotel,' Kowloon, for a public license.

Mr. Kemp said that there were no police objections, and that the names of the householders were acceptable. He moved the application be granted, and the meeting adjourned.

George James Clark, 'Connaught House Hotel,' applied for an adjournment license. Among the names of the householders attached to his application was that of Chai A. Fook.

Mr. Shelton Hooper asked who was Chai A. Fook.

Mr. Kemp: I suppose he is at Messrs. Watkins & Co.

Mr. Shelton Hooper: Do they supply any liquor to the applicant?

Mr. Kemp: Is Mr. Clark here?

Mr. Melbourne, after looking outside for Mr. Clark, reported that he was absent.

Mr. Shelton Hooper: Under the circumstances I think we ought to treat the application in the same way as those at the Annual Sessions of the Justices. I think it is great disrespect to the Justices to be asked to continue the application when the applicant does not attend.

At this stage Mr. Clark walked in.

Mr. Kemp: Who is this Chai A. Fook?

Mr. Clark: He is at Messrs. Watkins & Co.

Mr. Kemp: Do they supply you with liquor of any kind?

Mr. Clark: No, nothing at all.

Mr. Kemp then proposed that the application should be granted, which was agreed to.

Nicholas Francis Daly, 'Oyster Bar and Restaurant,' 51, Des Voeux Rd., applied for an adjournment license.

Mr. Shelton Hooper: Is there any communication addressed to the Licensing Justices respecting this application?

Mr. Kemp: Yes, one has been received. Mr. Shelton Hooper: If it is addressed to us, I think it may be read.

Mr. Kemp then read a portion of a letter from Mr. L. O'Connor objecting to the license being granted, on the ground that it would injure his business.

Mr. Kemp: A very reasonable objection. Mr. Kemp asked if they wanted the whole letter read.

Mr. Shelton Hooper: No, I thought that as the letter was addressed to the Justices, it should be read in private.

After the private discussion Mr. Daly was called in and Mr. Kemp said: The Justices have decided to refuse your application.

CRICKET.

FINAL OF THE R. G. A. CUP.

At Happy Valley yesterday the 78th and 80th Companies of the Royal Garrison Artillery met for the final in the Challenge Cup. The 78th Company opened the game, and were dismissed for 38 runs. The 80th Company were jubilant about their chances then, and going in knocked up 39 runs for the loss of nine wickets, thus winning by one wicket and one run.

The following were the scores:—

78th COMPANY.	
M. Gnr. Thurlow, c. Sewell, b. Browning	6
Bombardier Boyle, c. and b. Butler	2
Gnr. Edwards, b. Butler	0
Cpl. Wilson, c. Toone, b. Butler	7
Gnr. Catron, b. Butler	0
Gnr. Gough, b. Butler	0
Sgt. Major Wheeler, b. Browning	0
Gnr. Goddard, b. Butler	0
Gnr. Spinkley, c. and b. Browning	7
Gnr. Loughran, c. Fisher, b. Browning	10
Gnr. Hughes, not out	4
Sundries	10
Total	38

80th COMPANY.	
Gnr. Murphy, b. Boyle	0
Cpl. Huddington, c. Thurlow, b. Boyle	10
Cpl. Toone, c. Wheeler, b. Edwards	4
Gnr. Browning, c. Spinkley, b. Boyle	0
Gnr. Butler, c. Edwards, b. Boyle	14
Bombardier Fisher, b. Boyle	0
Bombardier Vial, b. Boyle	0
Sgt. Mann, not out	7
Bombardier Wilshaw, not out	0
Bombardier Sewell, b. Thurlow	2
Sundries	2
Total	39

Boyle secured six wickets for sixteen runs. Thurlow took one for two runs; and Edwards one for twenty-one.

BUSINESS PROSPECTS IN THE PHILIPPINES.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)
MANILA, November 24.

Business is improving slowly, principally owing to the approach of Christmas. That season and Easter are the harvest times of the shopkeeper. Things do seem to be slightly rosier. If we have a fairly good rice-crop in the Islands and the next Hoilo crop of sugar turns out about two million piculs as expected, then, financially, things must improve.

From some districts, it is reported that the Rice crop is promising well, but I am afraid that the hitherto Rice-producing districts, such as Pangasinan, Capiz, North Samar and Nueva Caceres, will again produce little or nothing and large imports of Saigon and Rangoon Rice will be required.

The Americans and Filipinos seem to imagine that if we have free trade between the Islands and the States that nothing more is required to ensure the prosperity of the country. Some people would directly benefit by this free trade. Sugar planters, for instance, as the duty on Sugar in the States being equal to about \$3 per picul in Hoilo. Assorted, this would bring them about 75 per cent. extra for their Sugar.

But there is no duty in America on Hoilo Philippine Copra is not liked in America, and although Tobacco business would benefit by the suppression of duties this would benefit more the owners of the principal Cigar Factories than the agriculturalists who grow the Tobacco. There is nothing else of importance that can be sent to the States. Possibly coffee and cacao business might be developed later on.

But what I would like to point out is that the present desperate state of affairs is not owing to the fact that there is such a thing as a Dingley Tariff. The market price of Sugar in Hoilo for the past year or two has been from \$1 to \$5 per picul, possibly averaging \$4 per picul. Now, as Sugar can be grown in Negros or Panay, and is placed in buyers' Godowns in Hoilo at a cost of from \$1.75 to \$2.50 per picul (according to cost of transit and conditions of the Estate), there is a very handsome margin of profit. Hence, at present high prices leaves also a handsome profit. Copra which has varied from \$8 to over \$8 per picul during past year, also leaves a splendid return on the small capital required for this business. So we must look elsewhere for the causes of the present depression of trade.

I have previously stated that in my opinion the real reasons are the enormous imports of Rice and the scarcity of labour. I wonder if it has ever occurred to those who favour free trade with the States, how the ensuing loss of revenue in the Customs house is to be made up. We have here probably the most expensive Government in the world; the number of officials is enormous and is constantly being added to. Formerly, it used to be said that you could not throw a brick out of the window without probably hitting a Friar. Now, we say the same of Government employees, leaving out the 'probably.' The heavy Customs-House duties are the principal source of revenue. This indirect taxation spreads over every inhabitant of the Island in a more or less degree. But I am afraid that if direct taxation ensues, it will weigh very heavily on certain classes, principally the commercial community. It is also very doubtful if the actual living expenses will be reduced appreciably. In Spanish times, imports from Spain came under a preferential duty. But Spanish goods were not correspondingly reduced in price. Manufacturers found out what English, German or other foreign goods cost laid down in Manila, and shaved slightly under this, the saving in duty thus going into their pockets. The same will probably occur again, and American manufacturers and their agents will reap the principal advantage.

A FAMOUS CHINESE ROBBER CAPTURED.

Bombardment of a Village.

(From a Correspondent.)
TOSAKU, November 17.

One of the most famous of the four robbers who have made the south of this province unsafe, is Ma Wong Hoi, from Shek Po, a village on the East River. Some weeks ago he carried on his evil practices in Sheklong, and then (last) was getting too hot for him there went up the East River. About two hours distant from here, he attacked the Wai Chow Mandarin's junk, in which were several thousand dollars, but as the soldiers displayed some unusual bravery in defending their lives, Ma Wong Hoi withdrew to a small market-town, called Kin Fan, where the people, who, by his sudden arrival, were awestricken, immediately closed their shops. Then he marched off with about one hundred followers to Kin Kai Fan, offering his help to the villagers who were engaged in a village fight. The people there thanked him for his help, but felt very much relieved when he left the place the following morning.

Despite the fact that \$1,000 was set on his head by the Government, he had the courage to go back to his own village. News of his arrival there was promptly conveyed to the Government officials, and, early last week, a party of soldiers appeared with a letter asking Ma Wong Hoi to give up his reckless life, and the same time offering him the leadership over the band of 500 soldiers in the army. But he 'smelled a rat,' and so declined the honour, scornfully and threateningly sending the soldiers back.

There remained nothing else to do but to use force, and 3000 soldiers from Sheklong and Tungshun were sent out. On their arrival at Shek Po, a regular siege was commenced. The Admiral first sent 100 men and demanded the elders of the village to deliver to him Ma Wong Hoi.

Ma Wong Hoi himself appeared, and first on the soldiers, killing eight. He then set on fire the Admiral's boat, and he gave orders for a heavy cannonade to be opened on the village. This done, the village was shortly in flames, and was soon in the possession of the Admiral's soldiers. Besides the men who were killed, a good many women and children were burnt, and others drowned in the river. I myself went with twenty-two Christians to see the place a day after the fight, and never in my life have I witnessed such pitiable scenes!

Two-thirds of the once flourishing village (it had over 400 inhabitants) was burnt to the ground, and amidst the smoking ruins the corpses could be seen lying about with their faces turned towards the village, as those who had escaped were afraid to come back. But the crying of the women was simply heartrending. Scores of women, who were all looking for their relations or hoping to find some of their belongings, were wandering about, and from what I gathered by sympathetic conversation, which I think was partly overdone, terrible things must have taken place.

Over there you will find a Hunan soldier killed, who was just cutting off a woman's ears, when her husband arrived at the spot and shot him down, said one woman.

The Hunan soldiers are all cannibals, they ate the burnt people as if they had been roasted pigs, cried out another woman, quite convinced of the truth of this. I tried to calm her, but in vain.

You did not see it, she answered; 'How these monsters behaved. Each soldier had some rolls on his arm, like rolled up towels, which they threw into each house. These rolls burnt slowly at first, and then "boom" they suddenly exploded and set the whole house on fire. Those who were inside could hardly get out—I myself was almost burnt.' These were the tales that were poured into my ears on all sides.

At first the soldiers did not intend to kill so many prisoners, but as Ma Wong Hoi had broken through their ranks, and in doing so had killed an officer on horseback, a large number of prisoners were beheaded on the spot out of revenge, all with their hands behind them. A party of soldiers followed the robber and his companions to a neighboring village and there caught him. When captured he had secreted on his body \$7000 in paper. He has now been brought to Canton, where he will meet his well-deserved fate. It is to be hoped the drastic measures meted out to the village of Shek Po, will prove a warning example to the many robbers round about, who are increasing at an alarming rate, making life and property so unsafe.

[Thus, we believe, the robber who was reported as having been executed in Canton a few days since.—Ed., C.M.]

'Well, well!' I gladly exclaimed the pick-pocket, as he took another couple of watches, 'I appear to be in close touch with the people.'

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FIRE IN QUEEN'S ROAD EAST.

Three Shops Damaged.

At about 11 o'clock last night a fire broke out in a shop at 132 Queen's Road East, used as a medicine shop on one side and a shoe shop on the other. The flames quickly spread to the adjoining houses, and both suffered severely before the fire was subdued.

The fire started on the ground floor of No. 132, and was first noticed by Sergeant Lander who saw the smoke and flames rising when he was passing in a rickshaw. He jumped out and opened a dispatch box in the vicinity which contained a couple of lengths of hose, and soon had a stream of water playing on the burning house.

Word had by this time been conveyed to No. 2, Police Station, and Inspector Collett turned out a body of men to assist in fighting the fire. Information was immediately telephoned to the Central Fire Station for reinforcements, and another dispatch box was brought to the scene, and a second hose attached to a hydrant.

The Fire Brigade were quickly in attendance in charge of Mr. P. J. Wodehouse, Assistant Superintendent of Police, and several streams of water were being played on the flames simultaneously. The fire had a good hold of No. 132 when the brigade arrived, and very soon spread to Nos. 130 and 134. The flames were licking the sides of the houses, and twining round the upper windows. Volumes of smoke rose high into the air and sparked round in regular showers. The wonder of it is that more houses in the vicinity were not ignited by the sparks which floated about in the air. Fortunately there was a good supply of water, and the engines were able to send good streams right up to the top stories.

From the first it was recognised that No. 132 was doomed and efforts were mainly directed to preventing the spread of the flames to other buildings, besides preventing the further destruction of the two adjoining houses.

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THIEVES IN THE NEW TERRITORY.

The village of Hong Hau, in the District of Kau Tung in the New Territory, has made an unenviable name for itself. Some two years before the New Territory was taken over by the British, the Mandarin, under whose jurisdiction the village came, went down with a band of soldiers with the express purpose of razing it to the ground. The inhabitants of the village temporised with them, and ultimately on payment of \$1000 secured a reprieve. The place was well known as a nest of pirates, but after their close shave the robbers quietened down considerably, and for a space a reign of unprovoked peace followed. This did not last for long, and robbers and thieves became frequent.

On October 22 last a gang of three men went into a shop, occupied by Luk Fung Hoi, and demanded \$30, threatening to rob the place that night unless their demand was acceded to. Fearing the consequences, the occupier handed over \$4, and the gang left, after warning Luk Fung Hoi they would be sent on to the police if he gave information to the police. Luk Fung Hoi was impressed with their threat, and said nothing about the occurrence to anyone. The police, however, were actively engaged investigating other thefts that had taken place in the vicinity, and were prosecuting inquiries about certain suspects, when this affair came out. Luk Fung Hoi refused to give any particulars to the police, fearing the vengeance of the gang, but ultimately the gang was arrested, and although he admitted being present at the time, said that he did not extract \$30, but only extracted \$4, and that Wong Tai Cheung received the money.

The police have been endeavouring for some time past to lay their hands on Wong Tai Cheung, but so far have been unsuccessful.

At the Magistrate's to-day, before Mr. T. Sercombe Smith, Lai Fat was sentenced to two months' imprisonment, with four hours in the stocks.

ROWING.

V.R.C. Regatta.

The V.R.C. Regatta will take place on Dec. 16 and 17, when twenty-three races, sculling and sailing included, will be contested. On the first day the Challenge Cup, between the Hongkong Boat Club and the V.R.C. for four oars, will be the main event. The German Cup is looked upon as likely to result in some good racing, and the other events will all be interesting. Next the International Challenge Cup, open to all comers, and rowed in four eared boats, will be the main event. The cup, which was presented by the late J. S. Lippard, Esq., is held by the winning crew for one year, but remains the property of the Club. Invitations for this and other events were sent to the Canton and Hongkong Boat Clubs, but so far no reply has been received from the Canton Club. Entries for most of the events close on December 14, at 4 p.m., and a large number of entrants are expected. The prizes are also provided for the Juniors, Police, and Naval men.

The Canton Regatta is to take place on December 18 and 19, the two days immediately succeeding the Victoria Recreation Club's regatta. This will preclude the possibility of many members of either club from participating in the open events—events which would probably have caused a great deal of interest had the members of each club been able to take part. The members of the two clubs are anxious to test each other's rowing capabilities, and it is rather unfortunate that they should be debared from doing so, through the dates being fixed so very close together. It is a healthy thing for the sport to have these open competitions, but what is the use of open events, if the dates of the regattas clash? Still it is not too late even now to remedy the defect. A postponement of a week, or even of a couple of days, No. 134 was insured, with the exception of the top floor, which is included in the insurance for No. 132. The insurance on No. 132 was only renewed a few days ago, as the old policy had expired with the London and Lancashire and the Royal Exchange Insurance Companies.

The exact amount of the damage was unknown, but it is estimated at over \$10,000. No explanation is yet given as to the cause of the fire. Lin Kam, the occupier of No. 134, was busy engaged in transferring his articles of merchandise into the street, when he saw Pang Tin walking off with two rolls of cloth, valued at \$50. He called out to the thief, but he did not stop to steal the goods, but was only carrying them to a place of safety. As he had removed them from where the owner had put them, and was taking them away in the direction of Ship Street, his story was not believed, and he was taken into custody. At the Magistrate's this morning, he appeared before Mr. J. H. Kemp, who was also of opinion that he intended to steal the cloth, and who sentenced him to three months' imprisonment with hard labour, and ordered him to be exposed in the stocks for three hours in lieu of one week's goal.

Cardinal Vaughan's Successor.

The Most Rev. Francis Bourne, Archbishop of Westminster, arrived at Rome on the 2nd inst., and met with a most cordial reception at the Vatican. He will probably be raised to the Cardinalate in 1904.

Misprints in the Bible.

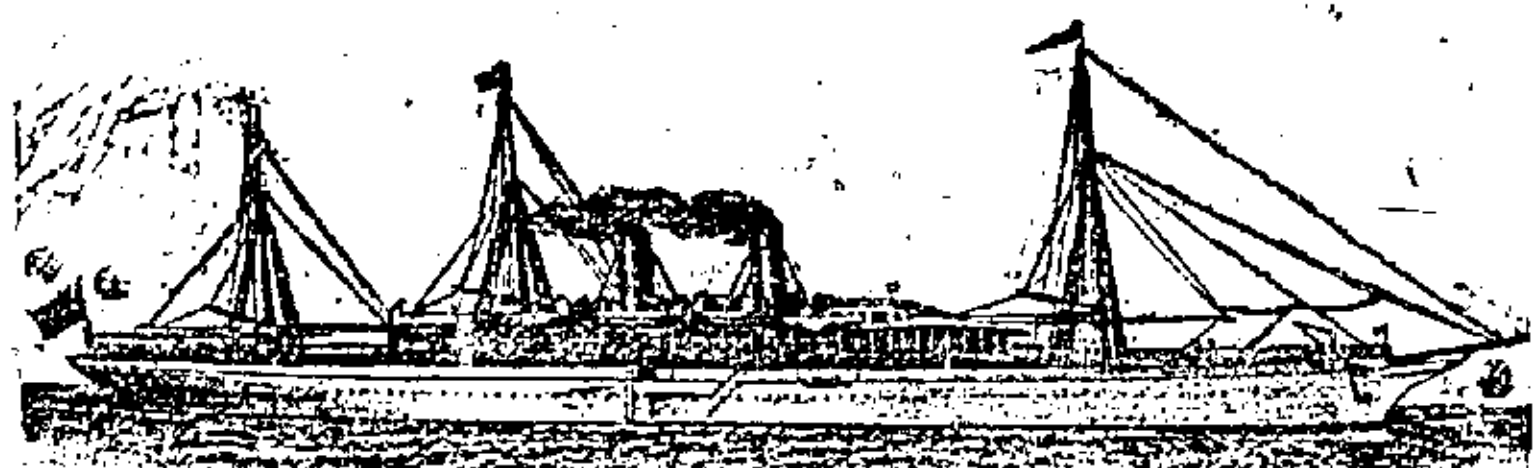
Misprints in the Bible are but seldom met with, a fact evidencing the great care that is taken by the printers of the Scriptures. It is not generally known that the British and Foreign Bible Society rewards with a guinea anyone who discovers a misprint in a copy of the Bible bearing its imprint. A few days ago, says the *Oley Press*, that guinea was claimed and received by Mr. Frederick Sherlock, of New Bridge Street, the passage in St. Mark vi. 1. 'His disciples follow him,' was misprinted 'follow him.'

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Steamers.	Destinations.	Sailing Dates.
HIROSHIMA MARU, S. Nagao.	MOU, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.	THURSDAY, 26th Nov., Daylight.
IDZUMI MARU, M. Yagi.	BOMBAY, VIA SINGAPORE AND COLOMBO.	FRIDAY, 27th Nov., at Noon.
SADO MARU, S. J. G. Parsons.	MARSEILLES, LONDON, and ANTWERP, VIA SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO and Port Said.	SATURDAY, 23rd Nov., at Daylight.
SHINANO MARU, W. Thomsen.	VICTORIA, B.C., and SEATTLE, U.S.A., VIA SHANGHAI, MOU, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.	SATURDAY, 25th Nov., at 4 p.m.
BOMBAY MARU, T. Mural.	BOMBAY, VIA SINGAPORE and COLOMBO.	TUESDAY, 1st Dec., at Noon.
YAWATA MARU, A. E. Moses.	NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA.	WEDNESDAY, Dec. 2, at Noon.

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FROM	STEAMERS	DATE
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GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	DARFANG	5th December.
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	YANTZING	12th December.
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	PERSEUS	24th December.
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	TYDEUS	29th December.
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	NESTOR	1st January.
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	KEKUN	8th January.

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FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP	ACHILLES	8th December.
LIVERPOOL	ACHILLES	24th December.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP	PROMETHEUS	22nd January.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP	YANTZING	9th January.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP	YANTZING	15th January.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP	DIOSCOR	19th January.

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STEAMERS	SAILING DATES, 1903.
HAMBURG	WEDNESDAY, 25th Nov.
PREZ HEINRICH	WEDNESDAY, 9th Dec.
KONIG ALBERT	WEDNESDAY, 23rd Dec.

1904.
KLAUSCHOU WEDNESDAY, 6th Jan.
SACHSEN WEDNESDAY, 20th Jan.
BAYERN WEDNESDAY, 3rd Feb.
SEIDLITZ WEDNESDAY, 17th Feb.
PREUSSEN WEDNESDAY, 2nd Mar.
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A FLAG INCIDENT.

The *H. N. B. Herald* of the 16th October says:—By some strange fatality which seems to have occurred at Fort Pryor the flag of the United States appeared at half-mast and upside down on the arrival of the U.S.S. *Albatross* on the 11th inst. As this incident was noticed by those on board we take this opportunity of apologizing for the gross stupidity of an Indian Constable who is responsible for the trouble which has been explained to him in unmistakable terms as follows:—

(i) that he should not have hoisted the American flag at all but dipped the *Horneo* Jack three times in reply to a similar salute from the *Albatross*.

(ii) that if he does intend to hoist the United States flag he must see that it is hoisted in the future that the flag is not upside down.

(iii) that it is better to die a violent death at the hands of a Barrack-room comrade than to hoist the U.S. flag half-mast. We are greatly relieved to hear that a constable has been specially detailed now to attend to the flag business whenever a men-of-war visit the port, and we hope that the question of salutes will at last be placed on a correct and workable system to the elimination of these public blunders which cause us all so much pain and disgust.

THE LATE DUKE OF RICHMOND.

Says our London Correspondent:—The death of the Duke of Richmond will be keenly felt by those who, like himself, devote so much time to the improvement of English agriculture. On all the many Agricultural Commissions that his Grace sat he was ever noted for the tact and calm judgment that he brought to bear on this question which is year by year becoming more important. He was one of the few who believed that England's prosperity was synonymous with the better cultivation of her land, and agricultural depression caused him much anxiety and worry. It is said that farms which in his lifetime were regarded as containing some of the finest wheat-growing land in the country were given up by his tenants who declared they would be unable to make them pay even if they had them rent free. The Goodwood Race Course was situated on his Sussex estate, and the hospitality of Goodwood House was one of the most celebrated features of this famous meeting; indeed there is some doubt now that the Duke is dead whether the gathering will be continued, because the course is some distance from the railway station and a steep hill makes it difficult of approach, and in these days of quick and easy travel these are two serious considerations. The Duke of Richmond is a descendant of the Duke of Devonshire, and it is a family tradition that the eldest son should always be called after this monarch.

LADY MISSIONARIES.

A crowded meeting, largely composed of ladies, was held at the Church House, Westminster, on Sept. 20, to take leave of 34 lady missionaries of the "Church of England Zenana Missionary Society," almost all of whom are proceeding to the foreign field this month. Twenty-nine are going to India, two to China, one each to Singapore and Ceylon, and one for a year's deputation work in Canada and New Zealand, on route for China. Seven are going out for the first time; the rest are returning. One new worker, sent by the Church Missionary Association of Victoria, Australia, has been accepted by the Committee for work in China. Sir W. Mackworth Young, chairman of the Society, presided, and gave the opening address. He remarked that in view of the present proportion of missionaries of all nationalities to the population of India—namely, one to 70,000—and the still more unfavourable ratio from China, he could wish that the chains of foreign missions were hoisted with tenfold greater attention, and that hundreds, instead of tens, were going out in response. In his opinion, English women missionaries, such as this large meeting was gathered to bid farewell to, were the truest help to the work of the church, and were to be esteemed for their work's sake, supported, and initiated. The instructions to the outgoing missionaries were read by the Rev. G. Tonge, clerical secretary; two of the returning missionaries, Miss B. Branton Carey (Sindh) and Miss J. B. Bardsley (Central Province), addressed the audience; and the Rev. D. J. Stather Hunt, vicar of Holy Trinity, Tunbridge Wells, gave the valedictory address from Ephes. i. 18-23. A collection in aid of the general funds of the society, which amounted to £17, was made during the course of the meeting.

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Meeting.

Noon—Meeting of Hongkong Nursing

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Miscellaneous.

9 a.m.—Military Practice.

Goods per *Argenta* undelivered after

this date subject to rent.

Goods per *Tamara* not cleared on

this date subject to rent.

General Memoranda.

THURSDAY, November 26:—

Goods per *Nippon* undelivered after

this date subject to rent.

Goods per *Leizang* undelivered after 4

p.m. on this date landed.

FRIDAY, November 27:—

Goods per *Billant* not cleared at 4 p.m.

on this date subject to rent.

SATURDAY, November 28:—

5 p.m.—Auction of a Fine Collection of

Old & Rare Postage Stamps &c., at

Mr Geo. P. Lammer's Sale Rooms.

MONDAY, November 30:—

An Interim Dividend of A. S. Watson

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FRIDAY, December 4:—

9 a.m.—Military Practice.

TUESDAY, December 8:—

Noon—Meeting of Shareholders of The

China Traders Insurance Co., Ltd.,

at the Head Office.

BIRTHS.

On the 24th November, at 'Ranfurly,'
 Conduit Road, the wife of F. A. Wenzel,
 of a Son.

On the 15th November, at Blanche Villa,
 Scott's Road, Singapore, the wife of H. A.
 Scott, of a Daughter.

On November 18, at 8 Chaoufong Road,
 Shanghai, to Mr and Mrs J. W. S. Nien-
 son, a Daughter.

MARRIAGES.
 On the 17th November, at Holy Trinity
 Cathedral, Shanghai, by the Rev. C. J. F.
 Synnott, B.A., WILLIAM McCROSS, of
 Stevenson, to ISABELLA CAMPBELL FLOAN,
 of Glasgow, Scotland.

On the 10th November, at the residence
 of Mr D. Willard Lyon, 85, Range Road,
 Shanghai, by the Rev. A. P. Parker,
 PHILIP LORING GILL, of Seoul, to BERTHA
 LOUISE ALLEN, of Colorado Springs.

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 Mr A. Sprunt; aged 68 years.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Notes by the Way.
 The Peking University talks of sending
 23 students to Japan next Spring, and 10 to
 Europe to study.

Captain Gale, 2nd Gurkhas, has been
 selected for appointment as Assistant Com-
 mandant, Lushai Military Police.

Second Lieutenant Woodfall, Middle-
 sex Regiment, attached to the 1st Norfolk, died
 at Bareilly, India, on November 4.

French Railway Engineers surveying in
 Yunnan are reported to have been attacked
 in Lingchen and narrowly escaped with
 their lives.

According to a recent advice to certain
 official quarters in Tokio, Viceroy Alexieff
 will leave Port Arthur for St. Petersburg
 on the 28th inst.

Chin Kwan, the small official who con-
 sidered himself in the death of Shen Chien,
 is said to be going to America on the track
 of more reformers.

The nephew of Li Hung-Chang, Mr Li
 Ching-Tai, is about to receive a Taoistship
 in Kwangsi, and an Edict is expected to be
 issued in a few days.

A telegram from the Chinese Governor
 at Urga states the Russians have stopped
 all Chinese and Mongol traffic through that
 place, and have built forts at Tachikow.

There were 134 European and 69 Chi-
 nese visitors to the City Hall Library, 58
 European and 1367 Chinese to the Museum
 during the week ending 22nd November.

In his recent frontier tour, Lord Kit-
 cheener inspected the important passes,
 positions, and garrisons in Chital and
 Gilgit, and rode and walked one thousand
 five hundred miles.

The *Peking* and *Tientsin Times* of Nov.
 6 says that it is reported that the Customs
 at Peking has ceased working owing to the
 Russian Commissioner disregarding the In-
 spector-General's instructions.

The Governor-designate of Kwangsi
 has sent up his fourth application to resign
 his post. The Government regarding him
 as a hopeless individual will accept it this
 time, and this will, of course, end his
 official career.

A law has been promulgated fixing the
 weight of the Siamese tical at 16 grammes,
 one grain Troy less than the average weight
 of the present tical. A wish is expressed
 that the smaller coins may be put on a
 decimal basis.

A pleader, Mr Wills, and a barrister,
 Mr Beddy, of Agor, have been put on trial
 for perjury in a trial at Allahabad. The
 former was acquitted, the latter convicted
 and sentenced to six months' rigorous im-
 prisonment.

A Chinan, capital of Shantung pro-
 vince, dispatch states that the Chinese
 Government has consented to the establish-
 ment of a German Government Agent in
 that city whose power will be equal to that
 of a Consul.

General Sir Robert Low having made
 over charge of the Bombay Command, em-
 barked on Nov. 4 for Colombo and
 Tasmania. His successor Sir Archibald
 Hunter came down from Poona to Bombay
 to see him off.

General Ma has gone to Shanhaikwan
 with two regiments to be stationed just
 inside the Great Wall. The movement
 is directed against Russian advancement in
 that direction. The force left Tientsin
 on Nov. 2 for Yung-ping-fu by road, and
 will go thence to Shanhaikwan.

Many in Singapore will regret to hear
 of the death of Mr A. B. Croucher, who
 came to Singapore to Messrs Powell Ro-
 binson's in 1901, and died yesterday morn-
 ing at Kuala Lumpur of enteric fever, says
 the *Singapore Free Press* of the 16th inst.

He was an enthusiastic volunteer while in
 Singapore, and all who knew him appreci-
 ate his kindly disposition. For the last
 fourteen months he has been in charge of
 Messrs Powell Robinson's Selangor branch
 and he made many friends there, who will
 share in the regret felt at a bright young
 life cut off at the early age of 24.

Races at Tientsin.
 The Coronation Challenge Cup (Tl.
 500) run in connection with the races at
 Tientsin was won by Mr J. M. D. Rain-
 brand, Mr Fair Officer's Chandrap being
 second and Mr Lupton's third.

The China Cup (Tlcs 400) was won by
 Mr Detring's Gyn, Mr Heinemann's Clovis
 being second and Mr Kon's Trump third.
 The Tientsin Stakes (Tlcs 500) was won
 by Mr Fair Officer's Chandrap, Mr Kon's
 Trump being second, and Mr Detring's
 Bam third.

Rheumatic Sufferers.
 MANY sufferers from rheumatism have
 been surprised and delighted at the
 prompt relief obtained by applying Cham-
 berlain's Pain Balm.

In advising you to use Chamberlain's
 Pain Balm for Rheumatism, we know it
 will give you perfect satisfaction, as the
 first application will relieve the pain, and
 its continued use for a short time will
 effect a cure. For sale by all chemists and
 medicine vendors: WATKINS Ltd., General
 Agents.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Health of the Colony.
 There were no cases of infectious
 diseases reported during the week, with
 the exception of three cases of plague.

A Duel with Knives.
 A duel was fought at Manila on Nov.
 19 between a Spanish actor and a farmer
 from Iloilo de Negros. The cause of the
 trouble was a girl. The actor was so
 severely wounded on the arm by the knife
 of the farmer that his life was despaired of.
 The fight took place on the Santa Mesa
 race-track, there being no spectators.

Wrestling Championship of Australia.
 On Oct. 28, at Sydney (N.S.W.), But-
 tan Singh and Gunga Brahm met in a
 wrestling match for the Championship of
 Australia. After an exciting struggle Buttan
 Singh won by two throws out of three. The
 conditions were catch-as-catch-can, and two
 falls out of three to win. This is the fourth
 time these two men have met; Buttan Singh
 has won two, Gunga Brahm one, and one
 was drawn.

The Wrong Mr Jones.
 Telephone mistakes may have their
 serious sides. A man, who wanted to com-
 municate with another named Jones, looked
 in the directory, and then called up a num-
 ber. Presently came through the receiver
 a female voice. 'Hello,' he asked.
 'Who is that?' 'This is Mrs Jones.'
 'Have you any idea where your husband
 is?' 'He couldn't understand why she
 rang off' so sharply, until he looked in the
 book again and discovered that he had
 called up the residence of a widow!

New Dock at Bangkok.
 The following paragraph is taken from
 the *Singapore Free Press*: 'The Bangkok
Times in its issue of November 11 speaks of
 the likelihood of a new dock company in
 that port, supported by Siamese capital and
 influence. The natural direction from which
 any extension of dock enterprise would em-
 anate would be, says our contemporary,
 from Singapore, but there are indications
 that the matter is claiming attention further
 afield. Two members of the Kuwasaki Dock
 Company of Kobe have just arrived at
 Bangkok, and this may have some bearing
 on the subject, as well as the issue of a
 foreign loan, now imminent. But the crux
 of new docking facilities is pointed out to
 be the bar.'

An Old Hongkongite.
 The following paragraph in *The World*
 refers to an officer who was A.D.C. to Sir
 William Robinson when he was Governor
 of Hongkong: 'Lieut.-Colonel Sterling,
 Coldstream Guards, has taken up his duties
 as Assistant Quartermaster-General in the
 Home District. Colonel Sterling is a son
 of that well-known ex-Coldstream Major-
 General Barton Sterling. He may con-
 sider himself lucky in getting this appoint-
 ment, seeing that he has not the recom-
 mendation of a Staff College certificate;
 but the work he did in South Africa fully
 justified the choice of the military authori-
 ties, and his present employment ought in
 due course to lead to even better things
 for him, for he is devoted to his profession.'

Alleged Smuggling of Chinamen.
 The preliminary hearing of John T.
 Miller, charged with uttering false Chinese
 merchants' certificates and defrauding the
 inland customs service by landing Chin-
 men who are not entitled to entrance, was
 held before the Court of Customs Appeals
 at Manila on Nov. 18. There are four
 charges against Miller. Two of these
 allege the utterance of a false certificate in
 each case. The government produced as
 evidence a contract between these, concern-
 ing the alleged agreement to issue
 Chinese merchants' certificates entitling
 them to entrance to the islands. This
 contract provided that there should be
 \$400 Mexican currency charged for each
 Chinaman landed in the islands. The
 amount was to be distributed as follows:
 The *Taipei* at Amoy was to get 45 pesos;
 the *United States* consul at Amoy was to
 get 60 pesos; the secretary of the Ameri-
 can consul at Amoy was to get 60 pesos;
 and 10 pesos was to go to any person bring-
 ing in a Chinaman desiring a certificate.
 The remainder of the 400 pesos presum-
 ably went to the company.

Football.
 At Happy Valley yesterday afternoon
 the H.K.F.C. 'A' team met B Company of
 the Sherwood Foresters, and after a fast
 game the Hongkong team won by two goals
 to one. The Sherwood Foresters were
 attacking team almost the whole of the
 time, but the defence of the goal-keeper
 was too fine to allow them to score often.
 After the interval, C. T. Kew took the place
 of Hicking at goal, while Hicking went
 forward. Brett and Dixon scored for the
 Club, while Moore shot a goal for the
 losers. Taking the game as a whole the
 soldiers must be given credit for playing
 the best game of the two teams. Time and
 again they pressed, and a score seemed cer-
 tain but the goalkeeper's defence was too
 sure. The following were the teams:—

LLK.F.C.—C. Hicking, goal; O. J.
 Barnes, E. F. Acott, backs; H. C. Gray,
 C. T. Kew, P. K. Knyvett, halves; A. O.
 Brown, Brett, A. Cooper, W. Dixon, Dan-
 by, forwards.

Sherwood Foresters.—Turner, goal;
 Cunningham, Becke, backs; Harrington,
 Watson, Hayes, halves; Blackshaw, Moore,
 Bishop, Binford, Bailey, forwards.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Sixty-five Brigands Escape.
 On November 17, 65 prisoners broke
 guard at Cadagan in the Philippines, escap-
 ing by digging their way out beneath the
 prison walls. The men were nearly all
 captured brigands.

Sale of a Ship.
 The sailing ship 'C. H. Watjen,'
 whose sale by public auction was advertised
 by us a few days ago, was sold at Singapore
 Roads, in a disabled condition, to Messrs
 Latham and Co., Singapore, for \$24,500,
 which is considered a very good price.

Chatre's Circus.
 To-morrow night a short season will be
 opened by Chatre's Circus and Menagerie
 on the vacant land opposite the Central
 Markets. The management advertise that
 an excellent programme of marvellous
 gymnastic feats, riding, dancing and
 singing will be submitted. The circus will
 be accommodated in a large tent. Prices
 are reasonable.

Viceroy Chang as Generalissimo.
 A telegram received at Shanghai from
 Peking states that the Empress Dowager
 has signified her intention to appoint
 Viceroy Chang Chih-tung as Generalissimo
 of the forces to oppose the Russians in
 Manchuria, that is to say, the Chief in
 command of the 'First Imperial Line of
 Defence,' while Viceroy Yuan Shih-k'ai,
 who is a better man at organising, is to be
 Chief of the 'Second Line of Defence,'
 and his work is to organise succeeding
 armies of foreign-modelled troops.

Fire in West Point.
 Shortly before midnight on Sunday
 night a fire broke out in a godown in Sai
 On Lane, and before the fire was mastered
 the whole of the stock was gutted. The
 building was filled with matting, sugar,
 paper, leather, cocoanut oil, and other
 articles, and the inflammable nature of the
 contents, together with the assistance of a
 strong easterly wind, greatly retarded the
 efforts of the firemen to put an end to the
 outbreak. The firemen, although they had
 a good stream of water available, could
 make very little impression on the fire,
 but they prevented it from spread-
 ing to the adjoining buildings, and
 after about an hour had it under control.
 The buildings adjoining were fortunate
 enough to escape without injury from the
 fire, although it must be said that their
 contents were damaged by water to a great
 extent. Two houses in Quing lane, in
 which sandalwood was stored, were also
 slightly damaged, but the damage done to
 the godown far outweighs the rest. In
 all the damage is estimated at over \$70,000,
 and the building and contents are insured
 to the extent of \$65,600.

Admiralty Coal for Hongkong.
 The *L. and C. Express* of the 23rd
 ult. says:—The British Admiralty yester-
 day chartered a large steamer to load coal
 enry in December at Cardiff for Hong-
 kong, but it is still endeavouring to obtain
 one for immediate loading at 18s. per ton.
 On arrival at Hongkong the steamer may
 be required to follow the fleet, and the
 Admiralty, while reserving the right to
 order her to do so, undertake to hand her
 back at either Hongkong, Shanghai, Che-
 foo, Hakodate, Nagasaki, or Wei-hai-wei.
 It is the general opinion among shipowners
 that the Admiralty will not succeed in
 securing an early vessel at the figure
 named, owing to the competition of Japan
 and Russia for all early steamers. Within
 the past few weeks nine vessels of large
 carrying capacity have been chartered at
 Cardiff for the Far East, including one
 charter of 6,000 tons of coal for Japan at
 22s. per ton. As a result of the demand
 prices are being quoted at 6d. to 9d. per
 ton higher.

New Shipping.
 According to Lloyd's Register of
 British and Foreign Shipping, there were,
 at the close of the year ended 30th June,
 1903, 9,998 merchant vessels, registering
 nearly 17½ million tons gross, holding
 charts assigned by the Committee of
 Lloyd's Register. During the year 627 new
 vessels were classed by the Committee of
 Lloyd's Register. Their registered gross
 tonnage amounted to 1,250,420 tons. Of
 these vessels, 575 of 1,182,265 tons were
 steamers, and 52 of 68,155 tons were sailing